

REPORT

OF THE

Commissioners

Appointed by

PARLIAMENT

To Enquire into the

IRISH FORFEITURES,

Deliver'd to the

Hon^{ble} House of Commons

the 15th of December, 1699.

WITH

Their Resolutions and Addresses

TO

HIS MAJESTY

Relating to these

FORFEITURES.

AS ALSO,

His MAJESTY's Gracious Answers thereunto;
 And His most Gracious SPEECH to Both
 Houses of Parliament the 5th of January, 1690.

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Ordered,

That the Report made to this House from the Commissioners appointed to Enquire into the Irish Forfeitures this Session of Parliament, be Printed, and that Mr. Speaker do appoint the Printer; and that no other do presume to Print the same.

Ordered, That the two Resolutions of the Eighteenth of January last, relating to the Forfeited and other Estates in Ireland, be reprinted with the said Report.

Ordered, That the Resolution of the Fourth of April One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety, relating to the Forfeited Estates, be also Printed with the said Report.

Ordered, That His Majesty's Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, the Fifth of January One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety, be also Printed with the said Report.

Ordered, That the Humble Address of this House to His Majesty the Fifteenth of February last, and His Majesty's Answer thereunto the Sixth of the same February, and the Resolution of this House thereupon, be also Reprinted with the said Report.

Paul Jodrell, Cl^r Domⁱ Comⁱ

Martis 9 die Aprilis, 1700.

Ordered,

THAT the Address of the House of Commons of the Fourth of March One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two, and His MAJESTY's gracious Answer thereunto of the Tenth of the same March, be Printed with the Report from the Commissioners Appointed to Enquire into the Irish Forfeitures.

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T H E
R E P O R T
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C O M M I S S I O N E R S

Appointed to Enquire into
The Irish Forfeitures, &c.

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and
 Burgeses in Parliament Assembled.

May it please Your Honours,

1. **A** Ccording to the Powers given us by a late
 Act of Parliament, made in the Tenth and
 Eleventh Years of His Majesty's Reign, Entituled,
An Act for granting His Majesty the Sum of One Million
four hundred eighty four thousand and fifteen Pounds one
Shilling eleven Pence three Farthings, for Disbanding the
Army, providing for the Navy, and for other Necessary
Occasions; we have enquired into, and taken an Account
 of the Forefeited Estates in *Ireland*, and do humbly
 lay before your Honours this our following Re-
 ports, as the Result of our Proceedings.

2. But, first, we must humbly crave leave to re-
 present to your Honours the many Difficulties we
 have met with, which we fear may render our En-
 quiry less Satisfactory than otherways it might have
 been.

3. It is usual for the General Governours of this
 Kingdom, when they are removed from their Em-
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ployments, to carry away the Books and Papers relating to their Proceedings during their Government, which we apprehend may have been some hinderance to our Enquiry.

4. Soon after the Battel of *Boyne*, Commissioners of Forfeitures were appointed under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, who substituted Commissioners in the several Counties of this Kingdom, then in His Majesty's Possession; These Sub-Commissioners acted very Vigorously, and made returns of great Quantities of Goods Forfeited, but several of these Books we were not able to get, which was a great disadvantage to our Proceedings; these Returns having been made whilst the Mischiefs were fresh, and the Resentments high between Protestant and Papist, and consequently with less favour than hath been since shewn.

5. Many Commissions for taking Inquisitions, have Issued both from the *Chancery* and *Exchequer*, that are not sped, and many others have been imperfectly taken, and worse drawn up, and some have never been returned, nor so much as the Records made up by the Escheator.

6. Great Quantities of Lands found in the Inquisitions, have not been put in Charge to His Majesty nor appear in the Rent Rolls, and many Denominations appear in the Rent-Rolls, of which no Inquisitions were taken, and a great many other Parcels of Lands are mentioned in the Grants, which are neither found in the Inquisitions or Rent-Rolls, and some in the Sub-Commissioners Returns that are found no where else; and there may be many more of which we can trace no Footsteps.

7. As we cannot Complain to your Honours of any direct Disobedience to our Authority, so we must take Notice, that we had from few Offices the

Dispatch which was necessary to the Work we had the Honour to be Employed in ; but whether this proceeded from any Unwillingness to obey us, the Multitude of other Business, or the Irregular Methods of keeping their Books, we do not affirm.

8. Particularly the Books of the Commissioners of the Revenue relating to the Forfeitures, are so ill and confusedly kept, as much delayed us in our proceedings ; but this we do not attribute so much to the Commissioners of the Revenue, as to the shifting this Enquiry from one Commission to another, which has been done five times since the Battel of the *Boyne* ; so that no Commissioners, if they were disposed to it, have been able to take any steady View of the Forfeitures and digest them into method.

9. By this means we have been forced to examine such Bundles of Records and Volumes of other Papers as have taken up much of that time, which might otherwise have been employed in the Examination of the Values, and enquiring into the Mismanagement of the Forfeitures, which appear to us very great, tho' by the Distance of time, the Agreement of Parties concerned, the Death of some and Departure of others out of the Kingdom, most of the Tracks are worn out, so that we found it very difficult, and in many Cases impossible, to come at a true Information.

10. Besides this, there appeared to us a very great backwardness in the People of this Kingdom to give any Information, which in our humble Opinion, does not proceed from any dislike to the business of our Commission, or disobedience to the Authority that sent us, but from the fear of the Grantees, and the Persons in Power, whose Displeasure in this Kingdom is not easily born. Besides, Re-

ports seem'd to us, to have been industriously spread abroad, and generally believed, That our Enquiry would come to nothing, and was only the Effect of a sudden Resolution, which hindred many Persons from making considerable Discoveries: But we humbly conceive, if such fears were removed, the Forfeitures would appear much greater.

11. Added to all these Difficulties, our Business itself was so very Voluminous, and consisted of so many Parts, that an exact Scrutiny into all the Particulars could not have been made, in a much longer time than we were confined to. But such an Account as under these Disadvantages we were able to acquire, we do with all humility lay before your Honours.

12. The Persons out-Lawed in *England* since the 13th day of *February* 1688, on Account of the late Rebellion here, amount in number to 57, and in *Ireland* to 3921; all which, with their Additions and Counties in which they were out Lawed, appear in a Book delivered in with this Report. *Number 1.*

13. The Estates that the said Persons, or any of them were possessed of or interessed in, either in Law or Equity since the 13th day of *February* 1688, that came to our knowledge; together with the Proprietors Names, the number of Acres, the County and Barony in which they lie, the Value of them *per Annum* and the total Value, appear in a Book delivered in with this Report, No 2.

14. But the gross Number of all the Acres belonging to Forfeiting Persons in each County, the yearly and total Value, Esteeming a Life at 6 Years purchase, and an Inheritance at 13 Years; which we apprehend to be at this time the Value of

the Lands of this Kingdom appear to us to be as follow
viz.

	Acres Pro-Value per					Total Value	
	fitable. ann.						
	A.	R.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.
County of Dublin :	34546	0	16061	6	0	208796	18
County of Meath :	92452	13	1546	4	6	410100	18
County of Wt. Meath	58083	1	14633	12	6	190237	2
County of Kildare :	44281	1	16551	18	6	215175	0
County of Catherlogh	26303	0	7913	11	6	95872	2
County of Wicklow :	18164	10	2719	3	0	35348	19
County of Wexford	55882	2	7551	10	6	98169	16
Queens County : :	22657	0	5002	8	9	65031	13
Kings County : :	30459	3	6870	18	0	89321	14
County of Kilkenny	30152	2	5243	3	6	68161	5
County of Longford	2067	2	348	9	9	4530	6
County of Louth and Town of Drogheda	22508	0	6331	11	0	82310	3
County of Cork :	244320	0	32133	12	6	417737	2
County of Kerry :	90116	0	3652	11	9	47483	12
County of Clare :	72246	0	12060	17	0	156771	1
County of Waterford	21343	0	4190	10	0	54476	10
County of Lymerick	14882	3	4728	10	0	61470	10
County of Tipperary	31960	3	8888	12	6	115552	2
County of Galway	60825	0	10225	4	0	83528	18
County of Roscomon	28933	0	5808	15	0	69767	2
County of Mayo :	19294	0	3186	5	0	37598	3
County of Sligo :	5562	2	998	17	6	12985	7
County of Antrim :	10103	3	1944	18	6	25284	0
County of Down :	9079	0	1016	6	6	13212	4
County of Ardmagh	4962	0	588	0	0	7644	0
County of Cavan :	3830	1	478	12	6	6222	2
County of Monaghan	3832	0	558	16	0	7264	8
County of Fermanagh	1945	0	389	0	0	5057	0

All the Lands in the several Counties aforefaid, as far as we can Reckon by Acres, being added together make 1060792 Acres ; Worth *per Annum* 211623 *l.* 6 *js.* 3 *d.* Value total, 2685130 *l.* besides, the several Denominations in the said several Counties, to which no number of Acres can be added by reason of the Imperfection of the Surveys not here Valued, which we humbly represent to your Honours, as the Gross Value of all the Lands Forfeited in *Ireland* since the 13th day of *February*, 1688.

15. Next we think it our Duty, to acquaint your Honours what Proportions of these Lands have been Restored to the Old Proprietors, by vertue of the Articles of *Lymerick* and *Galway*, and by His Majesty's Favour.

16, Three Letters, One from her late Majesty Queen *Mary* of ever blessed Memory, Dated the 15th day of *March* 1692. To the Right Honourable the Lord *Sidney*, Sir *Charles Porter* Kt. and *Thomas Conningsby* Esq; then Lords Justices and Chief Governors of this Kingdom ; One other Letter, from Her said late Majesty, Dated the 6th day of *May* 1693 to the said Lord Viscount *Sidney*, then Lord Lieutenant, and General Governor of this Kingdom, and to the Privy Council there for the time being ; And one other Letter from His Majesty, Dated the 24 day of *April* 1694. To the Right Honourable *Henry Lord Capel*, Sir. *Cyrill Wich* Kt. and *William Duncumbe* Esq; then Lords Justices of this Kingdom, and to the Privy Council there for the time being, were severally sent to them, empowering them to Hear and Determine the Claims of all Persons, pretending to be within the Articles of *Lymerick* and *Galway*, and in pursuance of the said Letters 491 Persons were Adjudged within the Articles aforefaid, the Names of which Persons with their

their Additions, and the time of their Adjudications, appear in a Book delivered in with this Report. No. 3.

17. Afterwards a Commission Dated the 25 day of *February*, in the Eight year of His Majesty's Reign, passed under the great Seal of *Ireland*, empowering the Judges of the several Courts here, or any Five of them, to hear and Determine the Claims aforesaid; and in pursuance of that Commission 792. Persons were Adjudged within the Articles aforesaid, the Names of which Persons with their Additions, and the times of their Adjudications, appear in a Book delivered in with this Report, No. 4.

18. The Estates that the Persons have been Restored to, by Virtue of their Adjudications, contain 233106 Acres of Land amounting in the Yearly Value to 55763 *l.* 6 *ss.* 6 *d.* Value total, 724923 *l.* 4 *ss.* 6 *d.* the particular Number of Acres belonging to Persons Adjudged, the County and Barrony in which they lie, with the Yearly Value, and what the whole Interest is worth, appears in the Book. No. 2:

19. And here we presume not to judge whether the said Letters from His Majesty or the late Queen to the Lords Justices and Council, or the Commission under the Great Seal to the Judges, did give them any Legal Authority to Summon the Subjects from all Parts of the Kingdom, give Oaths, Adjudge without Jury, and Levy Money under the Name of Fees; we finding no Act of Parliament to Warrant the same. We humbly submit to your great Wisdom.

20. Further we think it necessary to inform your Honours, that the Fees in the said Courts were so Extravagant, that Mr. *Palmer*, who Acted as Register in the Right of Mr. *Poultney*, and divided the Profits with him, Demanded of Mr. *Luke Dillon*

for the Fees, for his Fathers Adjudication, Eighty six Pounds, and Mr. *Steel*, Cryer of the said Court, Fifteen Pounds more: Nor could Mr. *Dillon* get out the Order to Reverse his Father's Outlawry, till he payed Fifty two Pounds in ready Money to Mr. *Palmer*, and gave him his Bond for Fourteen Pounds more, and had paid Mr. *Steel* Five Pounds, besides Ten Pounds which he paid Mr. *Palmer* before for Orders, the Cause being continued in the Court near two Years: Nor was this a single Case, for many more have paid great Sums of Money upon the like account, the Charge only of Entering a Claim before we Acted in our Commission, being near Five Pounds, tho' by exprefs Words of the Articles of *Lymerick*, no Person ought to pay any Fees, but to writing Clerks only.

21. We may add to this, that the proceedings of the last Court of Claims, are almost universally Complained of, and we fear with too much Reason, some Persons having been Adjudged without posting of their Claims, others within a Day or Two after, before the Kings Council or Witnesses could be ready, which was contrary to the Rules of the Court it self, that required 14 Days, between the posting of every Claim and the Adjudication. It was also observeable, that if any person would Disclaim his Estate, he met with very little difficulty in being adjudged, tho' afterwards there could be no Obstacle to the Reversing his Outlawry, and consequently to be restored to his Estate. In general, it seems to us, that there has been great Mis-carriages in the said Court, and that in many Cases, the Articles of *Lymerick* and *Galway* have been Expounded too Beneficially in favours of Persons Out-lawed, and often the Oath of one Witness, who we humbly conceive, cannot be Convicted for Per-

jury either by Common or Statute Law: By this means we apprehend, a great many Persons have been adjudged and restored to their Estates, that upon review would be found to belong to His Majesty; to come to a more particular knowledge of which, we sent Mr. *Palmer* for the Minuts of the Adjudications, but he having taken them in shorthand only, and never since transcribed them, we could not get such an Account as was fit to lay before your Honours: We shall only take Notice of one thing on this occasion, that seems to us very Extraordinary, That more Persons were adjudged within Articles since the commencement of our Enquiry, than had been since the making the said Articles.

22. Next, we are to acquaint your Honours what Estates have been restored to the Old Proprietors, by Reversal of Outlawries or His Majesty's Pardon.

23. The Reversals are of two sorts, such as have been in pursuance of Adjudications, all mark'd in No 3. and 4. in distinct Columns for that purpose; The Estates restor'd by the said Reversals, are already computed under the consideration of Persons adjudged.

24. The other sort are such as have been Reversed by His Majesty, or the late Queen's Letters or Orders to the Lords Justices, which with all Pardons and the Considerations inducing the same past, since the Defeat at the *Boyne*, amounting to Sixty five, and appear in a Book delivered in with this Report, No 5. The Estates restored to the several Persons pardoned, or that have Reversed their Outlawries by His Majesty's Favour, contain 74733. Acres, worth *per Ann.* 20066 *l.* 8 *s.* 3 *d.* Value Total 260863 *l.* 7 *s.* 3 *d.* The particulars thereof, what Estates belong to such Persons, in what County

nd Barony it lies, what is the Yearly and total
or value, appear in the Book, No. 2.

25. And here we think it proper to take notice
to your Honours, That as well by the General Re-
port of the Country, as by several Observations of
our own, it appears probable to us, that many of the
Persons aforesaid, have obtained His Majesty's Fa-
vour by Gratifications to such persons as have abused
His Majesty's Royal Compassion. But when we
touch'd on this Subject, we found Difficulties too great
to be overcome; most of these Matters being Trans-
acted in private, and with persons out of this King-
dom: However, we shall lay before your Honours
some Instances, where it appears to us, that Money
has been given to restore persons forfeiting to their
Estates.

26. The Rt. Hon. the Lord *Bellew* released a Sta-
ture-Staple of 1000 l. principal Money, and 7 or
800 pounds Interest to the Lord *Raby*, (which was
due from Sir *William Wentworth*, Father to the pre-
sent Lord *Raby*, to the Lord *Duleek*, Father to the
present Lord *Bellew*) in Consideration that he would
use his Interest with His Majesty to procure his par-
don, which he did accordingly, and his Pardon
soon after passed: He also released to the Lord
Romney all the profits of his Estate which his Lord-
ship had enjoyed near 3 Years, amounting to a-
bout as many Thousand pounds, in Consideration
his Lordship would not give him any Molestation in
passing his Pardon.

27. *John Kerdiff*, of *Kerdiff Town* in the County
of *Dublin*, Gent. gave to Mrs. *Margaret Uniack* 200 l.
or thereabouts, to make use of her Interest with
the Lord *Romney* to obtain His Majesty's Letter to
have his Outlawry reversed, which was accordingly
done, tho' the particular Case of this Man as ap-
peared to me deserved Compassion.

28. Sir *John Morris* paid to Mr. *Richard Uniack* 500 l. whereof 300 l. was paid to Mrs. *Margaret Uniack*, for her Interest in the Lord *Romney* to procure his pardon, which was accordingly done.

29. *Harvey Morris* Esq; gave 100 l. to Mrs. *Margaret Unaick* to obtain His Majesty's Pardon, which was accordingly done.

30. *John Hussey* of *Lestip* Esq; upon his being informed by Mr. *Bray* and Mr. *Roscoe*, Agents to the Lord *Atblone*, that he could not get his Outlawry reversed without giving a General Release of all Demands to the Lord *Atblone*, which he did, whereby a Mortgage of 300 l. which he had on the Lord *Lymerick's* Estate, then in grant to the Lord *Atblone*, was Released, who appears not to us to have known of the said Mortgage, or had any Benefit thereby.

31. *Edmund Roch* Gent: gave to Mr. *Richard Darling* Agent to the Lord *Romney*, 500 l. for his Interest in procuring his pardon, which by the Means of the Lord *Romney* was obtained, as we believe; but the said *Roch* was Outlawed on the Statute of Foreign Treason, tho' never out of the Kingdom.

32. *John Beark* Esq; commonly called Lord *Bopbin*, agreed to pay 7500 l. to Mr. *Andrew Card*, for the use of the Lord *Albemarle*, in consideration he would procure His Majesty's Letter to have him restored to his Estate and Blood: 3000 l. of the said Sum was to be paid when he was restored to his Estate, and the residue sometime after. In pursuance of the said Agreement, a Letter was sent to the Lords Justices to be communicated to the Commissioners of the Court of Claims in favours of the Lord *Bopbin*, in order to have him adjudged within the Articles of *Gallway*; but nothing being done thereon, it was agreed, That a Bill should be transmitted into *England*, in order to pass into a Law in *Ireland* to

restore the Lord *Bopbin* to his Estate and Blood; the consideration suggested in the Bill was, to Educate his Children in the Protestant Religion, and to Set his Estate to Protestants. It was further provided in the said Bill, That 9000 *l.* should be raised upon the said Estate for payment of Debts, and a certain part of the said Estate appropriated for the Maintenance and Provision for the Children; but in reality, 7500 *l.* of the said Money was to be paid to the Earl of *Albemarle*, and the remainder, as we believe, to the other persons concerned in Negotiating the said Agreement. This Bill was brought in to the House of Commons of *Ireland*, but the Agreement taking wind, and the House resenting that their Authority should be made use of to support such a Clandestine Bargain, and finding several Allegations in the Bill false, they rejected it. Afterwards a New Agreement was made, (*viz.*) That there should be a Grant to the Lord *Ross* in Trust, That the Money to be advanced for procuring the said Grant, should be first raised out of the Estate; and next, That the profits should be applied to the payment of Debts, and after to the use of the Family of *Clanrickard*. In pursuance of the Agreements aforesaid, a Letter was procured from His Majesty, and 3000 *l.* paid to *Thomas Brodrick Esq;* for the Benefit of the Lord *Albemarle*.

33. Having now laid before your Honours an Account of all the Estates belonging to persons Outlawed since the 13th. day of *February*, 1688. and also what Estates have been since restored by Articles, and what by His Majesty's Favour; we will proceed to acquaint your Honours what Grants have been made, and also what *Custodians* are yet in being of any of the said Estates, and to whom.

34. There have passed since the Battel of the *Boyne* under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, Seventy six Grants and *Custodiams* now in being, a Book whereof, with the Dates of the Letters Patents, and Considerations we have delivered in with this Report, No 6. Some of the most considerable Grants we here particularly lay before your Honours, with the Number of Acres and Considerations.

35. To the Right Honourable the Lord *Romney* Three Grants now in being, containing 49517 Acres, the Consideration, Services done.

36. To the Right Honourable the Earl of *Albemarle* Two Grants in being, containing 108633 Acres, in Possession and Reversion, Consideration, Services done.

37. To *William Bentink* Esq; commonly called Lord *Woodstock* 135820 Acres of Land, no particular Consideration mentioned in the Grant.

38. To the Right Honourable the Earl of *Athlone* two Grants, containing 26480 Acres, Consideration, Services done in the Reduction of *Ireland*, which Grants are since confirmed by an Act of the Parliament of *Ireland*.

39. To the Right Honourable the Earl of *Gallway* one Grant, containing 36148. Acres, Consideration, many good and faithful Services by him performed.

40. To the Right Honourable the Earl of *Rockford* two Grants, containing 39871 Acres, Consideration, Services done.

41. To the Marquis of *Puizar* two Grants, containing 30512 Acres, Consideration, Services done.

42. To the Right Honourable the Lord *Conningsby* 5966 Acres, with several Chiefries, Tythes, and many Houses in the City of *Dublin*, with 1000 *l.* Mortgage; Consideration, Services done.

43. To the Right Honourable the Lord *Mountjoy* 11070 Acres, for 21 Years, in Consideration of his Services in the War of *Ireland*, the Losses he suffered in his Estate, the Imprisonment of his Father in the *Bastile*, and his being Kill'd in the Battel of *Steynkirk*.

44. To the Honourable *Thomas Keightley* Esq; 2 Grants containing 12381 Acres for 99 Years, as a Portion for his Daughter Mrs. *Katherine Keightley*, who was dependant on Her late Majesty Queen *Mary* of ever Blessed Memory, and in Consideration of a Pension of 400 *l. per Ann.* and his Losses by the War.

45. To Colonel *Gustavus Hamilton* 5382 Acres, whereof 1900 are no part of the Forfeitures: Consideration, his great and early Services in the War of *Ireland*, his Wading through the *Shannon*, and Storming the Town of *Athlone* at the Head of the *English* Granadeers.

46. To Dr. *John Lesly* 16077 Acres: Consideration, his early Services in the War of *Ireland*, his great Expence in Raising and Arming considerable Numbers of Men, and Fighting at the Head of them in several Engagements.

47. To *Thomas Pendergrafs* Esq; now Sir *Thomas Pendergrafs* Baronet, Two Grants, containing 7082 Acres, upon the most valuable Consideration of his great Services, in discovering a most Barbarous and Bloody Conspiracy to Assassinate the King's most Excellent Majesty, to Destroy the Liberties of *England*, and in consequence the Protestant Religion throughout *Europe*.

48. To Mr. *John Baker* 1647 Acres, in Consideration of the Great and Memorable Services his Father Colonel *Henry Baker* performed in the Defence of the City of *Londonderry*.

49. To *James Corry* Esq; Two Grants; one of a Mortgage of Two Thousand Pounds, in Fee, of several Lands in the County of *Wicklow*, due to Sir *Edward Scot* from the Earl of *Tyrone*; the other of 1725 Acres. The Considerations mentioned in the Letters Patents, are his House being Burnt, and his having Furnished the Garrison of *Iniskilling* with Provisions and Materials to the value of 3000 *l.* at his own Expence. But enquiring into the Merits of this Gentleman, it appeared to us, That he gave no Assistance to the Garrison of *Iniskilling*. That in the Town of *Iniskilling* he publickly declared, he hoped to see all those Hang'd that took up Arms for the Prince of *Orange*; and his House was Burnt by the said Garrison.

50. The rest of the Grants with the former, appear in the said Book, Numb. 6. and are comprehended in the General Values.

51. It is to be observed, that all Acres mentioned in this Report, are meant Plantation-Acres, which bear a proportion to *English Acres*, 264 is to 441.

52. It is further to be observed, That the Estates above-mentioned, do not yield so much to the Grantees, as they are here valued at; for as most of them have abused His Majesty in the real Value of their Estates, so their Agents have imposed on them, and have either sold or let the greatest part of these Lands at a great Undervalue.

53. We are further to take notice, That most of the Lands in the several Grants aforesaid, were granted under the *Exchequer Seal, in Custodiam*, for small numbers of Years, or during Pleasure, either to the present Grantees, or other Persons; by which means very little Profit has accrued to His Majesty; the greatest part of the *Custodians* are now expired, but those few yet in being, appear in a Book at the lower end of the Grants. Numb. 6.

54. In the next place, we shall humbly acquaint your Honours with the several Incumbrances that affect the Estates Forfeited and not Restored: And here we shall only take notice of such only as are found by Inquisition, or have been allowed by His Majesties Court of Exchequer; most of which last have been in pursuance of her late Majesties Letter, dated to the Lords Justices of *Ireland*; which required that all Protestants should try the Validity of their Incumbrances

branches in the most speedy manner, without subjecting them to dilatory and chargeable Methods.

55. All Statutes, Judgments, Mortgages, or other Debts, which appear to us as aforesaid to affect the said Estates not restored, amount to 161936 l. 15 s. 6 d. The particulars whereof appear in a Book delivered in with this Report, Numb. 7.

The reality of the said Incumbrances, which of them have been made upon a Valuable Consideration, and what have been since discharged by receipt of Rents, or otherwise, we have had neither Time or Opportunity duly to Examine. But we Humbly conceive there are many very great Deductions to be made, upon the following Considerations.

56. In all Judgments and Statutes we have set down the penal Sums; not being able to know what Interest is due on the several Particulars.

57. It appears probable to us, that oftentimes the Judgment and Mortgage is the same Debt.

58. It is probable, that many of the said Judgments are only for the Performance of Covenants; and the Defeazances remain in the hands of the Covenanters.

59. In many Cases Protestants and Papists have been equally bound; and the whole Debt is demanded on the Lands of the Forfeiting Person, though there may be other Security.

60. It does appear, that many Deeds and Copies of Judgments were produced to the Juries

Several Enquiries, and found without any Proof of the Execution of such Deeds, or the Considerations therein Expressed.

61. It is probable, that in many Cases, the Statutes and Judgments have been satisfied, and do not appear discharged upon Record.

62. Many Incumbrances have been bought up by the Grantees, their Agents, and Under-Purchasers, and oftentimes at small Values, and are kept on foot to cover their Estates, though probably they might have over-paid themselves by the Perception of Profits.

63. Many Persons have been put in Possession of the Lands Incumbred, by Virtue of Her Majesties Letter, and have received all, or a great Part of their Debts.

64. It is probable, that several of the Incumbrances have been taken in Trust for Forfeiting Persons, and many others were entred into Covenantously.

65. In Conclusion, it appears to us, that there are all the Contrivances possible made use of by some of the Grantees, and their Agents, to make the Incumbrances appear great; though we believe if they were duly enquired into, they would not be found so considerable, but that a great part of them might have been paid off by the Perception of Profits before this time: However, we humbly conceive that at present they will be much more than discharged by the Personal and other Forfeitures not before valued: Which we now humbly lay before your Honours.

66. As

66. As we Informed your Honours before soon after the Battel of the *Boyne*, Commissioners under the Great Seal of *Ireland* were appointed who had power to seize and dispose of the Forfeited Goods and Chattels to His Majesties use. These appointed Sub-Commissioners in the several Counties then in His Majesties Possession; who made Returns of great Quantities of Goods and Chattels, which they Valued at 135552 *l.* but at so moderate Computations, that every Horse was Valued at Twenty Shillings, every Cow or Ox at 15 *s.* Sheep at Half a Crown apiece, and every thing proportionable. So that it appears very probable to us, that if the said Goods had been disposed of to the best advantage, they might have yielded between Two and Three Hundred Thousand Pounds. But before that could be done, upon Representation of the then Commissioners of the Revenue, the power of disposing by the said Commissioners of Forfeitures, was superceded by a Letter from His Majesty within nine days after the granting their Commission; and placed in the Commissioners of the Revenue. By this means so much time was lost, before their Books and Goods seized by the Sub-Commissioners could be Transferred to the Officers of the Revenue, that the greatest part of them were either Imbezzeled by the Sub-Commissioners of Forfeitures, or the Collectors of the Revenue, or else plundered by the Army at their Return into Winter Quarters; so that it does

not appear to us, that there ever was accounted
 for to His Majesty, above the value of 44000 l.
 Besides these, there were great Quantities of o-
 ther Goods appeared in the Inquisitions, which
 we do not find ever came to His Majesties use ;
 and many more were seized by private Men. In-
 deed the Plunder at that time was so general, that
 some Men in considerable Employments were not
 free from it ; which seems to us a great reason
 why this Matter has not been more narrowly
 searched into. Particularly, the Lord *Coningsby*
 seized a great many Black Cattel, to the num-
 ber of 300, or thereabouts, besides Horses, which
 were left in the Park after the Battel of the *Boyne*,
 and which we do not find were ever accounted for
 to His Majesty : He also seized all the Plate and
 Goods in the House of Sir *Michael Creagh*, Lord
 Mayor of *Dublin* for the Year 1689, which are
 generally thought to amount to a great Value :
 But this last is said to be by Grant from His Maje-
 sty. There were several Rich Goods and other
 Household-stuff delivered by the Commissioners of
 the Revenue to the then Lords Justices, the Lord
Sidney and Lord *Coningsby*, which we do not find
 were ever returned, accounted for to His Maje-
 sty, or left in the Castle at their Departure from
 the Government.

67 Further, There were several other Quanti-
 ties of Goods delivered by Order of the said
 Commissioners of the Revenue to Sir *Charles*
Porter, Major-General *Kirk*, and others, which
 have

have not been returned; and a great deal more taken by the General-Officers of the Army, which it's said His Majesty hath since discharged.

68. If we may believe the general Reports of the Country, very many Persons have made their Advantages of these Forfeitures; but the time was so distant, the Proofs so difficult, and withal the Hopes of getting any part of them back again so remote, that we rather chose to prosecute more material Enquiries; therefore can give your Honours no further Information concerning them.

69. But since the Values of the before-mentioned Goods and Chattels are so uncertain, we make no Estimat thereof; but will proceed to take notice of some Debts by Judgment and Statute, and a few Mortgages due to Forfeiting Persons, not restored, which amount to 120013 l. 13 s. 10 d. as appears in a Book delivered in with this Report, No. 8.

70. And here it may be observed, That these Debts are liable to all the Objections made against the Incumbrances before-mentioned; only with this difference, That as the Incumbrances may be presumed to be in a great measure satisfied by the Perception of Profits, the Creditors being many of them in Possession, pursuant to His late Majesty's Letter in favour of Protestant Creditors, or at least that the full Interest thereof has been paid out of the Rents; so in the other, the full Penalty is due, no Interest appearing

appearing to be paid since the Forfeiture ; and therefore we humbly conceive, may be taken as so much in Discompt, against Incumbrances.

71. And here we crave leave further to observe, That almost all the said Judgments were found in the *Court of Exchequer* only : And that for a Mistake of our Orders, no Return has been made from either of the other Courts of Law ; by which means we believe many more Debts appearing on Record to be due to Forfeiting Persons not restored, may be omitted.

72. There are yet to be computed 297 Houses in the City of *Dublin*, 36 Houses in the City of *Cork*, with 226 Houses situate in the several Cities and Towns of this Kingdom ; together with 61 Mills, 28 Fiars and Markets, 72 Rectories and Tythes, cheif Rents amounting to 238*l.* per Ann. and 6 Ferries and Fishers, lying within the several Counties and Baronies of this Kingdom, the Forfeitures of persons not restored ; which we Value in gross at 50000 *l.* and place here among the personal Forfeitures, towards the discharge of Incumbrances : And if we add the Debts due to Forfeiting Persons (as we humbly conceive) 'twill fully discharge the Incumbrances aforesaid. And if there were room to apprehend any Deficiency, yet the Chattels real of Persons comprehended within the Articles of *Lymerick*, which by the Construction of the said Articles they were not to be restored to, would fully (as we apprehend) make up any defect

defect that might remain, after the Allowance
aforesaid.

73. It appeared to us by our Observations in the Countrey, That a great part of the Lands called Unprofitable in the Surveys (except those in *Kerry*, which we account as nothing) are now Profitable Acres, and many of them as good as any Lands in the Kingdom; and though they are not comprehended in our Valuations, yet are in themselves considerable.

74. We have computed the Forfeited Estates according to the present Values, and the current Price of Coin here, were they now to be set, without any regard to beneficial Leases made before the Forfeitures: And because we found it impossible either to come to a reasonable knowledge of the Number of them, and which are real, or fraudulently set up, we think it most proper to make a general Allowance for the same, by way of Discompt. on other particulars; and if all the unprofitable Acres be cast in, it may near answer the Difference of Value the now beneficial Leases do make, from the present Intrinsick Value exclusive of them.

75. And lest this Allowance should be thought insufficient, we humbly conceive the Woods of this Kingdom now standing on the Forfeited Estates, not restored, may be worth Sixty Thousand Pounds; which we believe (if thrown in) will answer the difference; provided some speedy Care be taken to prevent further waste.

76. But

76. But, ~~last~~ our Allowances on the particulars afore said, should not be esteemed sufficient, we throw in all Denominations of Lands, to which we could annex no number of Acres, not receiving any Light either by the Surveys, Commissioners Books, Inquisition, or our Enquiries in the Countrey, and because they are Quanties of Lands, that vastly differ from one another, both in Value and Number of Acres, we can set no certain Estimate upon them; though it seems very probable to us, that they amount at least Seventy or Eighty Thousand Acres; which we humbly conceive will much more than Answer all the Deficiencies before mentioned.

77. And here we shall take notice of the General Waste committed on the Forfeited Woods of this Kingdom, particularly on the Woods of Sir *Valentine Brown*, in the County of *Kerry*; where the Value of Twenty Thousand Pounds has been Cut down and Destroyed. And the Waste made on the Woods of the late Earl of *Clancharty's* Estate, now in Grant to the Lord *Woodstock*, is computed at Twenty Seven Thousand Pounds. And indeed so hasty have several of the Grantees or their Agents been in the disposition of the Forfeited Woods, that vast Numbers of Trees have been Cut, and Sold for not above Sixpence a Piece; and the like Waste is still continuing in many Parts of this Kingdom; and particularly at this instant, the Right Honourable Sir *John Eliot*, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas here, and Peter *Goodwyn*, Joynt Purchasers of the Lands of *Feltrim*, within 6 Miles of *Dublin*, of the Right Honourable the Lord *Coringby*, are now cutting down the very Ornamental Rows and Groves about the Mansion house. Great Waste hath been made

made, and yet is committing on the Wood of *Oshogness* in the County of *Gallway*, purchased by *Toby Butler Esq*; for about 2500 *l*. which is valued to above 12000 *l*, And when we appointed some Persons to View and Value the said Woods, the said *Toby Butler* did prosecute several of them By Indictment for so doing.

78. Besides all the Forfeitures before mentioned, there are great Numbers of Persons Guilty of the late Rebellion, and within no Articles, and never Prosecuted, and very many have appeared on the Exigent, which to this day are continued under Bail; and some of them were this last Summer Assizes Tried & acquitted. And indeed it does appear to Us, that the Freeholders of this Kingdom, through length of time, and by contracting new Friendship with the *Irish*; or by Inter-purchasing with one another, but chiefly through a general dislike of the disposition of the Forfeitures, are scarce willing to find any Persons Guilty of the late Rebellion, even upon full Evidence.

79. By reason of this delay of Prosecution, many good Estates by the Death of Parties have been lost to His Majesty.

80. And notwithstanding all this, it seems probable by the multitude of Discoveries offered us, that if right methods were taken, and proper Encouragements given, a great Sum of Money might be yet raised out of the Forfeitures that lye Concealed.

81. There has been so great a neglect in the prosecution of the King's Title, that no Inquisitions went into *Connaught*, till the Year 1695. Which gave the Forfeiting Persons time and leisure to set up what Incumbrances they pleased. And when they were Issued, the Findings were almost as the Council of the Forfeiting Persons pleased: and indeed by

the great disproportion of Protestants to Papists which is computed at not one to fifty, and so very few Protestant Freeholders within most Counties of that Province, and so little Justice to be had there that the Province it self seems scarcely reduced to His Majesty's Obedience. A late Instance might be given, at the last Assizes for the County of *Gallway*, where near Forty Persons were brought on their Tryals for the late Rebellion, and the Majority of the Jury that had them in charge, were Officers in the late King *James's* Army, and adjudged them within Articles: and after that, 'twere needless to say they were all acquitted, though by accident 'twas discovered, that Mr. *Kirevan*, one of the Persons then on Tryal, was in actual Rebellion, and an Officer under the Foreman of the Jury, who was sworn to that Fact; which was a surprizing Difficulty to the Jury, who not well knowing how to acquit him upon so direct a Proof, resolved that the Dice should determine; and so the Jury amongst themselves threw the Dice who should absent himself; and the Lot falling on one Mr. *Pendergast*, he did absent himself accordingly; and so no Verdict was given on the said Mr. *Kirevan*, who was thereupon bound over to appear next Assizes at *Gallway* to take his Trial.

82. The House of *Clanrickard* have a vast Territory within that Province, with few or no Protestant Tenants thereon; the greatest part whereof by the Attainder of the Lord *Bophim* (who is only Tenant for Life) is now vested in His Majesty : And we humbly Conceive if proper Methods were now taken for selling the said Estate to Protestant Tenants by Leases for Lives, renewable for ever, 'twould greatly increase the Freeholders, and thereby secure the

property, and advance the Protestant interest of that Province.

83. In the next place we humbly acquaint your Honours, That several of the Grantees have raised great Sums of Money by Seal of their Lands and Estates, in the whole amounting to the Sum of Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty Five Pounds, Three Shillings, and One Penny, as does hereafter more particularly appear ; (*viz.*) The Right Honourable the Earl of *Athlone* has sold to several persons, so much of his Grants as amounts to the Sum of Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Four Pounds, Twelve Shillings ; and we think we ought to have notice, that the Lord *Athlone's* Grants are confirmed by an Act of the Parliament of *Ireland*. The Right Honourable the Earl of *Rumney* hath sold so much of his Grants, as amounts to Thirty Thousand One Hundred Forty Seven Pounds, Eleven Shillings, and One Penny, of which Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, and Seven Pence, remains unpaid in the Purchasers hands. The Right Honourable the Earl of *Albemarle*, hath received Thirteen Thousand Pounds in *England* by Seal of part of his Grant. The Right Honourable the Lord *Corningsby* hath sold to the Value of Two Thousand Two Hundred Pounds. And *Thomas Keightley* Esq; hath sold and received to the value of Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three pounds, Ten Shillings : Amounting in the whole to the said Sum of 68155 l. 3 s. 1 d.

84. We are also to acquaint your Honours, That there have been several Proclamations, and other publick Assurances given, that a Fourth part should be granted to such as should discover any concealed Forfeitures. To some of the Discoverers Grants have

have been made, and they appear in the Book of Grants, Number 6. and others affirm they have not yet received Satisfaction; the whole we believe are under the Value of Two Thousand Pounds per Ann.

85. And here we may take Notice, that the Forfeitures in General, notwithstanding they appear to be so considerable, have been rather a Charge than Profit to His Majesty; which might seem very Extraordinary, if we did not acquaint your Honours, that many obscure Men, that had little or nothing since the Reduction of *Ireland*, are now reputed Masters of considerable Estates, and some of them very great ones; nor does there appear any visible Cause of their acquiring such sudden Riches, but by fishing in these Forfeitures, indeed the whole Management has been so Intricate, as it were design'd to be kept a Mystery; which has proved sufficiently Advantagious to these Men, though much to His Majesty's Detriment, who by this means has been deceived in the value of his Grants, and in many Cases has given much more than he intended.

86. There is nothing seems to us to have contributed more to it than the letting the Forfeited Lands by Cant in the City of *Dublin*, and not in the several Counties of this Kingdom; for by that means very few persons would come to Town at a great Charge, and neglect of their Affairs, when they were sure to be out-bid by the Agents to great Men, who aimed only to get into Possession, and had Interest enough afterwards to have all or most part of the Rents remitted. Upon this Consideration Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. William Connelly Esq. granted Lands in the County of *Kilkenny*, worth about 200 l. per Ann, to more than 20000 l. per Ann.

So that privat Persons, who had no Interest, found it in vain to contend ; besides, they were overaw'd by the Authority of those that bid against them ; which weighs much much in this Country.

87. By these methods, when others were driven off the Stage, they took the Lands at their own Rates ; oftentimes, as we conceive, agreeing not to bid one against another : Particularly the Honourable *Thomas Broderick Esq;* and the said *William Connelly*, who took vast Quantities of Lands, and in a great measure governed the Cants, (few persons daring to bid against them) acted in Partnership in all they took in the Year 1695, and ever since, and Let it afterwards to Under-Tenants at greater Rents : Which is the more observable in Mr. *Broderick*, who then was a Privy-Counsellor, and appointed by the Lord *Capell* to inspect the Cants, having been often informed they were managed much to His Majesty's disadvantage.

88. Nor could it be expected they should be better regulated, when many of the immediat Officers of the Revenue took parcels of these Lands, and some were taken in Trust for the very Commissioners themselves. Particularly, the Lands of *Kardiff Town* were Let to *Henry Fernley*, who was a Nominal Person in Trust for Mr. *Culliford*, at Thirty One Pounds, Sixteen Shillings per Ann. though actually canted at Eighty Four pounds. Several other Forfeited Lands were taken by Mr. *Culliford*, and great quantities of Goods Seized by him to His Majesty's Use, which he afterwards converted to his own Use.

89. Besides the great Abuses in the Management of their Cants, we humbly represent to your Honours one instance of a considerable Estate, that was Let without any Cant at all, by Direction of the

Lords Justices, for at least One Thousand Pounds per Ann. less than it was then worth, and for a Term of Sixty One Years, (though by a Letter from His Majesty, dated the 8th day of *March* 1698, they were commanded to Let it for a Term not exceeding One and Twenty Years) and at a time too, when there was a Term of One Year and half unexpired in another Tenant : This is a Lease of the Estates of Sir *Valentine Brown*, and *Nicholas Brown*, commonly called Lord Viscount *Kenmare*, within the Counties of *Kerry* and *Lymrick*, made to *John Blenerhasset*, and *George Rogers* Esquires, then Members of Parliament of this Kingdom.

90. Having already laid before your Honours the most material parts of our Enquiry, we now crave leave to make a short Abstract of our Valuations, before we conclude our Report.

The whole Forfeited Estates, since the 13th day of *February* 1688, we Value at 2685130 l. 5 s. 9 d.

The Estates restored by Articles, we value at 724923 l. 4 s. 6 d.

The Estate restored by Favour, we value at 260863 l. 7 s. 3 d.

The Lords affecting the Estates Forfeited, and found by Inquisitions, or allowed by Order of the Exchequer, we compute at 161936 l. 15 s. 6 d.

Against which we Balance the Debts due to Forfeited Persons not restored, amounting to 120013 l. 13 s. 10 d. as also all Houses, Tythes, Mills, Fiars, Market, chief Rents, and Ferries, worth about 50000 l.

Against the Beneficial Leases we balance all the Acres called Unprofitable ; and all the Woods yet standing upon the Forfeited Estates, which we compute may be worth about 60000 l. and the Chattels real of Persons adjudged within Articles, but never brought to any account.

But least your Allowances should not be thought sufficient, we throw in all Denominations of Lands that have no Acres annex to them, which we cannot believe will amount to less than Seventy or Eighty Thousand Acres; and consequently, if valued in proportion with other Lands, will come to at least 140000 l.

The Estates yet undiscovered seem to us very considerable, but can make no probable Vialuation of them.

The Sums received by the Grantees, from the Sale of their Estates, amount to the Sum of 68155 l. 3 s. 1 d.

We have taken no notice of any Debts due to Forfeiting persons restored, or of any Incumbrances affecting their Estates.

And after the several Allowances before-mentioned, there yet remains 1699343 l. 14 s. which we humbly lay before your Honours as the gross value of all the Estates Forfeited since the 13th day of February 1688, and not restored.

We shall now conclude our Report, by laying before your Honours another Grant of a considerable Value, which we are apprehensive does not fall within the Letter of our Enquiry: But since the benefit of some Forfeited Leases or Holdings are therein granted, we chose rather to lay the whole Grant before you, than be thought Deficient in executing any part of our Duty, or what might be expected from us.

A Grant under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, dated the 30th day of *May* 1695, passed to Mrs. *Elizabeth Villiers*, now Countess of *Orkney*, of all the private Estates of the late King *James* (except some small part in Grant to the Lord *Atblone*) containing 25649 Acres, worth per Ann. 25000 l. 18 s. value

total 337943 l. 9 s. The particulars whereof (*viz.*) The number of Acres in each Country and Barony, the value *per Ann.* and value Total, appear in a Book delivered in with this Report, No. 9.

There is payable out of this Estate Two Thousand pound *per Ann.* to the Lady *Susannah Bellasis* for her Life; and also One Thousand pounds *per Ann.* to Mrs: *Godfrey* for her Life; and almost all the old Leases determined in *May 1701*; and then this Estate will answer the value above mentioned.

D U B L I N,

Fra. Annesley.

John Trenchard.

James Hamilton.

Hen. Langford.

Veneris 4 die Aprilis. 2 Guliel. & Mariae. 1690.

Resolved,

THAT a Bill be brought in to Attaint all Persons guilty of Rebellion in *Ireland* or elsewhere, against Their Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*; and to Enact and Declare their Estates to be Forfeited, and to be Sold for the Reducing of *Ireland*. And it is Recommended to Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. Serjeant *Trenchard*, Sir *Richard Reynell*, Sir *Thomas Clarges*, Sir *William Poultney*, and Colonel *Birch*, or any three of them, to take Care thereof.

Lunæ 5 die Januarii. 2 Guliel. & Mariae. 1690.

His Majesty's Gracious to Both Houses of Parliament.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HAVING lately told you, That it would be necessary for Me to go into *Holland* much about this time

time, I am very glad to find that the Success of your Endeavours to bring this Session to a happy Conclusion, has been such, that I am now at Liberty to do it. And I return you my Hearty Thanks, for the great Dispatch you have made, in Finishing the Supplies you have Designed for carrying on the War: Which it shall be my Care, to see duly and punctually Applied to that Service, for which You have given them. And I do likewise think it proper to Assure You, that I shall not make any Grant of the Forfeited Lands in *England* or *Ireland*, till there be another Opportunity of Settling that Matter in Parliament, in such Manner as shall be thought most Expedient.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

As I have reason to be very well satisfied with the Proofs You have given Me of your Good Affection in this Session of Parliament, so I promise My Self the continuance of the same at Your Return into Your several Countries. And as every day produces still Fresh Instances of the Restlessness of our Enemies, both at Home and Abroad, in designing against the Prosperity of this Nation, and the Government Established; so I do not doubt, but that the Union and good Correspondence between Me and My parliament, and my Earnest and Constant Endeavours for your preservation on the one Hand, joyned with the continuance of Your Zeal and Affection to Support Me on the Other, will, by the Blessing of God, be at all times too strong for the Utmost Malice and Contrivance of our Common Enemies.

*Sabbati 4 die Martii. 5 Guliel. & Mariæ. 1692.
The Humble Address of the House of Commons to
His Majesty.*

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons in parliament As-

sembled, having taken into our serious Consideration the State of Your Majesty's Kingdom of *Ireland*, find our Selves Obliged by our Duty to Your Majesty, with all Faithfulness and Zeal to Your Service, to lay before Your Majesty the great Abuses and Mismanagements of the Affairs of that Kingdom :

By Exposing Your Protestant Subjects to the Misery of Free Quarter, and the Licentiousness of the Soldiers, to the great Oppression of the People there; which we conceive hath been Occasioned chiefly by the Want of that Pay which we did hope we had fully provided for.

By Recruiting Your Majesty's Troops with *Irish* Papists, and such Persons who were in Open Rebellion against You; to the great Endangering and Discouraging of Your Majesty's good and loyal Protestant Subjects in that Kingdom.

By Granting Protections to *Irish* Papists; whereby Protestants are hindred from their Legal Remedies, and the Course of Law is Stopt.

By Reversing Outlawries for High-Treason against several Rebels in that Kingdom (not within the Articles of *Lymerick*,) to the great Discontent of Your Protestant Subjects there.

By Letting the Forfeited Estates at Under-Rates, to the Lessening of Your Majesty's Revenue.

By the great Imbezzlement of Your Majesty's Stores in the Towns and Garrisons of that Kingdom, left by the late King *James*.

And by the great Imbezzlements which have been made in the Forfeited Estates and Goods, which might have been employed for the Safety and

and better Preservation of Your Majesty's Kingdom.

We crave leave also to represent to Your Majesty, That the Addition to the Articles of *Lymrick*, after the same were finally Agreed to, Signed, and the Town thereupon surrendered, hath been a very great Encouragement to the *Irish* Papists, and a Weakning to the *English* Interest there.

Having thus, most Gracious Sovereign, out of Our Affectionat Zeal to Your Majesty's Service, with all Humble Submission to Your Great Wisdom, laid before You these Abuses and Mismanagements in Your Kingdom of *Ireland*, We most Humbly Bescech Your Majesty for Redress thereof.

That the Souldiers may be paid their Arrears, and the Countrey what is due to them for Quarters; and that no *Irish* Papist may serve in Your Army there.

And forasmuch as the reducing of *Ireland*, hath been of great Expence to this Kingdom. We do also humbly beseech your Majesty, That (according to the Assurance your Majesty hath been pleased to give us) No grant may be made of the Forfeited Lands in *Ireland*, till there be an Opportunity of Settling that Matter in Parliament in such manner as shall be thought most Expedient.

That a true Account of Escheats and Forfeited Estates both Real and Personal, and Stores left by the late K *James*, may be laid before your Commons in Parliament, to the end that the said Escheats, Forfeitures, and Stores, and the Imbezzlements thereof may be enquired into.

That no Outlawries of any Rebels in *Ireland*, may be Reversed, or Pardons granted to them, but by

Advice of your Parliament; and that no Protection may be granted to any *Irish* Papist, to stop the Course of Justice

And as to the Additional Article which opens so wide a Passage to the *Irish* Papists to come in and repossess themselves of the Estates which they had Forfeited by their Rebellion. We most Humbly beseech your Majesty, That the Articles of *Lymerrick*, with the said Addition, may be laid before your Commons in Parliament, that the manner of obtaining the same may be enquired into: To the end it may appear by what means the said Articles were so enlarged, and to what Value the Estates thereby Claimed do amount.

Thus, may it please your Majesty, We your Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, do lay these Matters in all Humility before You; and as your Majesty hath been pleased to give such Gracious Assurances of Your readiness to comply with us in any thing that may tend to the Peace and Security of this Kingdom, We doubt not of Your Majesty's like Grace and Favour to that of *Ireland*; in the Safety and Preservation whereof, this Your Majesty's Kingdom is so much concerned.

Veneris 10 die Martii.

5. Guliel. & Mariae. 1692.

His Majesty's Gracious Answer.

Gentlemen,

I shall always have great Consideration of what comes from the House of Commons; and I shall take great Care, That what is amiss shall be remedied.

Jovis 18 die Januarii. 12 Gulielmi. 1699.

Resolved,

That the Advising, procuring and passing the Grants of the Forfeited and other Estates in *Ireland*, hath been the Occasion of contracting great Debts upon the Nation, and laying heavy Taxes on the People.

Resolved, That the Advising and passing the said Grants, is highly reflecting on the King's Honour: And the Officers and Instruments concerned in the procuring and passing their Grants have highly failed in performance of their Trust and Duty.

Jovis 15 die Februarii. 12 Gulielmi. 1699.

R*esolved,* That an Humble Address be presented to His Majesty, representing to Him the Resolutions of this House of the 18 of *January*, relating to the Grants of the Forfeited Estates in *Ireland*.

Lunæ 26 die Februarii. 12 Gulielmi. 1699.

His Majesty's Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Was not only led by Inclination, but thought my self obliged in Justice to Reward those who had Served well, and particularly in the Reduction of *Ireland*, out of the Estates Forfeited to me by the Rebellion there.

The long War in which we were Engaged, did occasion great Taxes, and has left the Nation much in Debt. And the taking Just and Effectual measures for

is what in my Opinion will best contribute to the Honour, Interest, and Security of the Kingdom.

Resolved, That whosoever Advised His Majesty's Answer to the Address of this House, presented to this House on *Wednesday* last, has used his utmost Endeavour to creat a Misunderstanding & Jealousie between the King and his People.

By vertue of several Orders of the House of Commons, I do Appoint *Edward Jones.* and *Timothy Goodwin,* to Print this Report, together with the Resolutions, Addresses to His Majesty, His Majesty's Answers thereunto, and His Majesty's Speech before mention'd; and that no other Person presume to Print the same.

April 9 1700,

THO. LITTLETON *Speaker.*